Task Force 3-505 PIR

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Family Readiness Group Briefing

3 August 2003

PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of TF 3-505 PIR's deployment in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, and to continue to prepare family members for the deployment.

SITUATION

- **Sept 11, 2001: terrorist forces attack NYC and Wash D.C.**
- **Oct 2001 – present day: U.S. forces (incl. 3-505 PIR) defeat Al-Queda/Taliban forces in Afghanistan, providing stability to the region**
- **Apr 2003 – present day: U.S. forces continue the war against terrorism worldwide and liberate the people of Iraq from Saddam Hussein's oppressive regime**
- **Jul 2003: TF 3-505 PIR is called into theater to assist in securing Iraq**

OPERATIONAL SECURITY

THIS OPERATION IS CLASSIFIED, BUT WE HAVE OBTAINED PERMISSION TO INFORM FAMILY MEMBERS.

TENTATIVE DEPLOYMENT DATES AND TIMES SHOULD NOT BE OPENLY DISCUSSED.

TENTATIVE DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE

- 3 August (evening) - Earliest date to assemble paratroopers for airlift
- 7 August - Projected 100% troops in theater

NOTE: THESE DATES ARE NOT LOCKED IN

*****You may say Goodbye to your spouse in the Battalion area ONLY*****

***** Please DO NOT go to Pope Air Force Base *****

FRG MEETING SCHEDULE

- 3 August - Initial FRG Meeting (NCO Club – 1500)
- 11 August 1300 / 1800 - FRG Meeting (TBD)
- 18 August 1300 / 1800 - FRG Meeting (TBD)
- 25 August 1300 / 1800 - FRG Meeting (TBD)
- 1 Sept 1300 / 1800 - FRG Meeting (TBD)
- 8 Sept 1300 / 1800 - FRG Meeting (TBD)
- 22 Sept 1300 / 1800 - FRG Meeting (TBD)

*** Beginning 8 Sept, FRG Meetings will be held every other week, at 1300 and 1800 ***

TOPICS OF INSTRUCTION FOR UPCOMING FRG MEETINGS

- 11 August FRG Meeting – Finance
- 18 August FRG Meeting – Legal Assistance
- 25 August FRG Meeting – TRICARE / Medical Assistance
- 1 September - Public Affairs
- 8 September – Chaplain Programs
- 22 September – Army Community Services
- 6 October – Budgeting Class
- 20 October – College Opportunities for Soldiers and Families
- 3 November – Army Financial Assistance Programs

*** Your input about future classes is GREATLY appreciated ***

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Initial FRG Brief	4	5	6	7	8 Unit Holiday	9
10	11 Brief	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 FRG Brief	19	20	21	22	23 3 Panther Ball Canceled
24	25 FRG Brief	26	27	28	29 Labor Day	30

TF 3-505 Airlift to OIF

Airlift Continues Until Complete

REAR Detachment & FRG

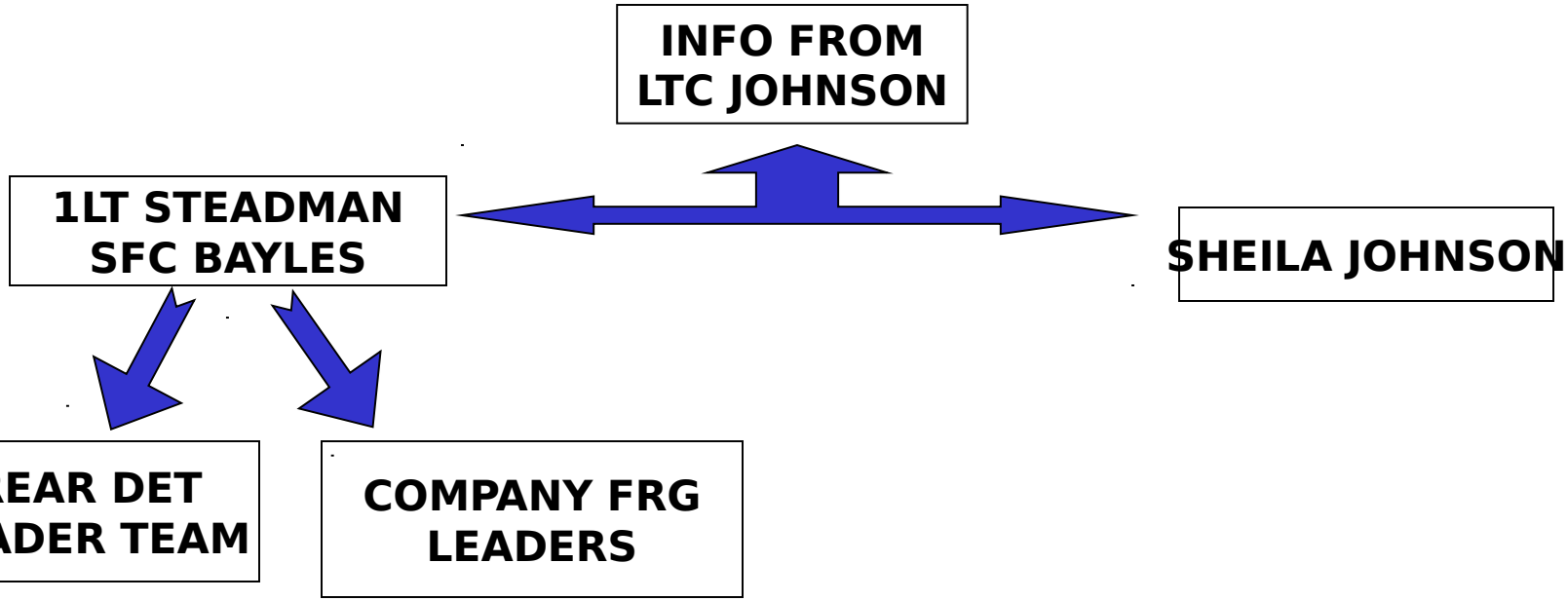
WHAT THE REAR Detachment Team / FRG WILL DO:

-Help reduce obstacles
-Help educate you on how to solve your problems

WHAT THE REAR Detachment Team / FRG WON'T DO:

-Assume responsibility for your problem
-Access anything without a Power of Attorney (POA)
.... NO POA ... NO HELP

INFORMATION FLOW CHART



PROBLEM SOLVING MATRIX

(for unit / Army-related problems)

SPOUSE W/ PROBLEM

CAN'T SOLVE IT

COMPANY REAR-DETACHMENT

FRG REPRESENTATIVE

(for family / personal problems)

-Gain Facts
-Work the Issue
-Have Paperwork
-Have POA (IF REQ)

BN REAR-DETACH
1LT Drew Steadman
SFC Bayles
432-3505/7628

HOW TO ALERT MY SPOUSE OF AN EMERGENCY USING RED CROSS

1. **An emergency occurs (i.e. death or serious injury of a family member)**
2. **Alert the Rear Detachment / FRG Reps in the Chain of Concern**
3. **CALL RED CROSS at 396-1231**
   - **After Duty Hours: 1-877-272-7337**
   - **RED CROSS will verify emergency facts and alert unit**
4. **The Rear Detachment Commander will notify the unit forward**
5. **The Command will take every measure to establish contact between the soldier and his family members**

CHAPLAIN COVERAGE

- **Division Rear Chaplain is MAJ Luckie**
  - **432-1903**
- **If he is not available, call the On-Call Duty Chaplain**
  - **396-1121/1122**
- **The Family Life Center can also help**
  - **396-6564**

CAN MY SOLDIER COME BACK FOR……?

- The decision to send a soldier back to the U.S. for an emergency rests solely with LTC Johnson
- A soldier in TF 3-505 **<u>may be</u>** considered for redeployment **<u>IF</u>**:
  - A blood-relative immediate family member dies or is terminally injured
  - The soldier's child dies or is terminally injured

- This **<u>does not</u>** include:
  - Extended family death
  - Minor accidents or injuries
  - Legal or financial problems (includes repossession, eviction, loss of pay, divorce)
  - Pregnancy or birth of a child
  - Any intentional action intended to bring the soldier home

POTENTIAL FRICTION POINTS

- Powers of Attorney (General / Special)
- Wills
- Financial Access
  - Bills
  - Unforeseen Expenses
- Vehicle Access
- Medical Issues / TRICARE

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE

- **Legal Assistance services are extremely limited due to deployment**
- **Notary Public Services and Powers of Attorney**
  - **0900-1700 Walk-in only**
  - **Gavin Hall, Room 273**
  - **432-0195**

**** ALL WALK-INS SEEN ON A FIRST COME – FIRST SERVE BASI**

LES DISTRIBUTION

- One LES will be sent to soldier
- Rear Detachment PAC / CDR can retrieve LES's for spouse
- Give Rear D Leader Chain an address to mail LES to if you are planning on temporarily relocating

*** Spouses will need either a POA or a statement signed by soldier releasing LES to spouse ***

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- **PROPER ADDRESS FORMAT**

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*** Time for mail to reach soldiers in OIF is **MINIMUM 15 DAYS** ***

MAIL

MAIL DO'S

- **Write often**
- **Remember important dates**
- **Keep your soldier informed of happenings at home**

MAIL DON'TS

- **DO NOT write any country in the address**
  - **You will only be charged local rate for postage, not an international rate**
  - **Security Consideration**
- **DO NOT MAIL:**
  - **Poisons, Explosives, Flammables, Firearms, Ammunition**
  - **Alcohol or products containing alcohol**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE
DEALING WITH THE MEDIA

“My husband / son / family member is currently deployed with the 82nd Airborne Division in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.”

RUMORS

- **DO NOT believe anything you hear unless it comes from the Command Group (LTC Johnson, CSM Champagne) through the Rear Detachment Leader Team (1LT Steadman, SFC Bayles)**
  - **CNN**
  - **Other family members**
  - **Other soldiers**
- **Deployment**
  - **Unit (do not discuss specifics with anyone)**
  - **Individuals (soldiers from schools will go forward)**
- **Redeployment:**
  - **Bottom line: we redeploy when we redeploy.**
  - **Will pass info as we get it**
  - **Unit (tentative 6-month deployment)**
  - **Individual (serious offenses, severe illness, death of immediate family member, case by case basis)**

PARTING COMMENTS

- **Notify your Chain of Concern if you will be staying somewhere outside the Fayetteville area**
- **Ensure Rear Detachment is aware of special needs**
- **Learn how to handle “household emergencies”**
- **Start handling all bills/checkbook register NOW**
  - **Keep soldier informed of money status/issues**
  - **Set realistic budget and savings goals – ask for help if needed**
- **Tell only trusted friends about the deployment**
  - **Avoid public discussions**
- **Plan future requirements for spouse (care packages, presents, personal paperwork)**
- **Ensure your automobiles are well-maintained**
- **Maintain contact with the Rear Detachment and FRG Chains**

COMMANDER'S ENDSTATE

- **TF 3-505 soldiers in theater are protected**
  - **We will take care of each other !!!**
- **TF 3-505 soldiers in the Rear are protected and well taken care of**
- **Correct information is distributed among all groups**
- **No interruption of TF Panther operations**
- **TF 3-505 redeploys with 100% personnel and equipment**
  - **WE CANNOT ACCOMPLISH THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP!!!**
- **Families are supported by the Battalion FRG Chain of Concern and the Rear Detachment Chain of Command**